

for a long time. He said, " I am wanting to make a house/' and presently, " What about the rugs ? " Mrs. I. suggested that he should use a small one. Then he said, " I am wanting this one/' i.e., the larger, and he put both on the long table. He went underneath, then came out and said, " I want someone to be ' Father Christmas V Mrs. I. offered to be. He replied, " What will you have for a bag ? Will you have the thing that is in the bathroom—the pinny ? " (meaning her overall that hangs in the cloakroom). She did this and took him some gifts. He lay under the table talking to himself and did not notice when Mrs. I. brought the gifts, and later on asked her to do it, as if she had not already done so.

2.3.25. After lunch, three of the children went into the gallery and Frank asked Mrs. I. to hang a rug over the gallery door, " so that nobody can look in."

3.3.25. Tommy rolled himself right up in a rug, and lay quiet for some time.

5.3.25. Dan wanted to make a " house " with rugs.

6.3.25. Paul and Dan played at house in the hen-coop—

" coopie house/' Paul invited Mrs. I. to go and live with them, very charmingly. Dan invited her to go and have tea and dinner " with them.

19.3.25. The children played in the " coopie house for a long time, digging in the dust.

23.3.25. Mrs. X. came to lunch. After lunch, Frank suggested they should make " nests " with the rugs and chairs, and they put chairs in a ring with the rugs over them. Harold,

Paul and Frank had a rug each. Dan said he wanted one, but there was not another, so Mrs. I. and Mrs. X. suggested they should all make one big nest. They did this.

24.3.25. The children piled up a tower of chairs in the schoolroom, piling them very high, and were very delighted with this, hanging a rug round the tower, and getting inside underneath.

25.3.25. The children went into the canoe in the house and later Frank came to Mrs. I. in the canoe

another part of the
garden and said, " Oh, Mrs. I., we are doing
such a funny
thing, do come and see/' When she went to the
canoe house
she found that Harold and Paul and Theobald
had gone
through the small hole in the wall of the canoe
house into the
dark inner chamber and were shouting with
delight. Dan and
Frank also wanted to go in, but were shy of
doing so until she
went. Paul very heartily invited her in there.
She managed
to crawl through this hole and Dan and
Christopher and Frank
also went. Tommy stayed in the outer part of the
canoe house
and would not go through. They all ran about
and said,